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ESCAPEES CAPTURED

Two inmates that escaped from the Fort Grant unit at ASPC-Safford Friday night, May 19, were apprehended in Graham County on Saturday morning, May 20, at 10:14 a.m.

Correctional Officers confirmed Misael Perez-Guerrero and Pedro Valenzuela-Moyte were in the unit at approximately 9:40 p.m. during security rounds. During a security round of the perimeter at 10:50 p.m. officers discovered their footprints at the fence line.

The department immediately deployed search and K-9 teams from 4 state prisons. ADC investigators also reported. State and local law enforcement were notified. Graham and Cochise Counties Sheriff's Departments responded. DPS and Border Patrol assisted in the search by air.

Guerrero, age 20, was sentenced in Maricopa County to a total of 5 years for 2 counts of narcotic drug violations and 1 count forgery.

Moyte, age 30, was sentenced in Maricopa County to a total of 4 years for 1 count of forgery and 1 count of discharging a firearm in the city limits.

Ft. Grant is a level-2, low medium-security, 780-bed unit at ASPC-Safford.

The department will refer the case to the Graham County Prosecutor's Office for prosecution of the escape.